VANDPF CC CHAIRMAN THAO GREETS SIHANOUK ON VICTORY 17 APR

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[Text of 17 April congratulatory message from VANDPF Chairman Trinh Dinh Thao to Samdech Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk, NUFC chairman-read by announcer]

[Text] Respectfully to Samdech Chief of State Nordom Sihanouk, NUFC chairman:

I am extremely happy to learn of the complete liberation of the capital of the Kingdom of Cambodia. On behalf of the VANDPF and in my own name, I would like to convey my warmest greetings to you, to the other leaders of the NUFC and to the Cambodian people.

The complete liberation of the capital of Phnom Penh and of all Cambidian territory is a result of the struggle of a people upholding revolutionary heroism who have overcome all sacrifices and hardships and are determined to fight and defeat the enemy under the clearsighted leadership of the NUFC, headed by Samdech Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk, and the RGNUC, with Samdech Penn Nouth as prime minister and His Excellency Khieu Samphan as deputy prime minister.

The great victory of the Cambodian people affirms the truth of our time: A people, whose teritory and population are not large, but who are determined to fight for independence and freedom, who enjoy the strength resulting from the solidarity of all of the people, and who follow correct leadership, can fight and defeat the imperialist aggressors, including the U.S. imperialists.

The VANDPF highly values this victory of the heroic Cambodian people and considers it an outstanding contribution to the common struggle of the Indochinese, Asian, and world peoples.

Sharing this extremely great joy of the Cambodian people over their great victory, the VANDPF pledges, together with all the South Vietnamese people, to strengthen solidarity, repeatedly stage uprisings and launch vigorous attacks to win increasingly greater victories.

Together with our unswerving love and faithfulness, please accept our very respectful salutations.

South Vietnam, 17 April 1975.

[Signed] Tawyer Trinh Dinh Thao, VANDPF chairman